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President Taft and Mr. Pinchot.

A letter to Mr. Gifford Pinchot, written by President Taft at Beverly, Mass., last September, has been incorporated in the record of the Pinchot-Ballinger investiga-

It is quite the most illuminating chapter of the whole unhappy controversy. It throws a sidelight upon the President's fine character that must abash his critics and put to shame those individuals and those newspapers that have questioned his loyalty to the late Chief Forester and sought to cast doubt upon the administration's devotion to the cause of conserva

One cannot read this letter without a feeling of deepest sympathy with the President in the trying position confronting him. He wrote frankly, full-heartedly, ingenuously.

His desire was manifest to be just and fair and to do his duty.

He could not see a member of his Cabi net, absolutely guiltless of wrong intent or wrong-doing, as he believed, sacrificed upon the altar of public clamor without his chief," he said, "with the knowledge that I have of his official integrity and his lack of culpability, to declare it to the Sublic and do him justice, however great theless, to inquire: Who gets the asinconvenience may arise in other re-

But while thus steadfast in support of Secretary Ballinger, he was equally mindful of the splendid public service Mr. Pinchot had rendered, and intensely desirous of sparing him the slightest embarrassment in connection with the Glavis charges. He did not wish to bring him

Into the controversy at all. He wrote. versation with me, that you do not which I do; and in this respect I think you do your enthusiastic interest in the cause of conservalight of all the circumstances now shown, are lacking in evidential force to sustain such a grievtirely trustworthy."

pould sustain if you were to leave it."

"I wish you to know that I have the utmost government and the public, in the intensity of your purpose to achieve success in the matter of mense value of what you have done and propose to do with reference to forestry and kindred sethods of conservation; and that I am thoroughly in sympathy with all of these policies and proinsisting only that the action for which I become presponsible, or for which my administration bemes responsible, shall be within the law."

Here was an expression of complete confidence in Mr. Pinchot, of thorough sympathy with the conservation policies and of the administration's purpose to maintain those policies "within the law." The most ardent champion of the conservation cause could reasonably ask no

Finally, read this conclusion of the President's letter to Mr. Pinchot:

"I must bring public discussion between depart-

ervants out of newspaper discussion." the put himself in an attitude of insubor- to effect the relief at the top. Then, too, adination and thus forced upon the Presi- if members of the retired list are receiving

relieving him. ramifications. Its outcome will leave the proceed with caution. martisans of both sides of the same opin don still, no doubt. But this letter written at Beverly-this candid, unreserved communication from friend to friend-illuminates the case as nothing else has done and will impress a fair-minded public in back talk to telephone girls. more deeply than all other phases of the controversy combined.

"There is in Flushing, N. Y., a man who has thirty-two children, and his neighbors report that he never makes any waste of energy and an unheard of covercomplaint about the high cost of living," notes the Chicago Record-Herald. Doubt. less the man long ago became completely reconciled to his fate

"Still, Senator Gordon omitted to note that Mr. Rockefeller and his associates and by the women, at that. had a chance to get rid of \$29,000,000 of that burdensome wealth at a single stroke, and entirely failed to grasp it,"

king does not understand the noble art ha!-you see, 'twill soon be gentle spring! of getting rid of his money like a gentleman.

Retailers and the Trusts.

A curious phase of the cost of living problem dwells somewhere within the great difference between the wholesale slow to accept Mr. Peary in the light of cost of fresh beef and the retail price a genuine hero. exacted of the consumer. Beef that sells for a fraction less than 9 cents per pound to 40 cents per pound at retail. There is a most astonishing expansion in the value be noticed. of meat somewhere along the line between the wholesaler's warehouse and ...40 cents per month the retailer's shop. Who gets the benefit,

If this remarkable difference is because of the great cost of handling the meat at Birds," escaped. retail, the expense of house to house the editor will be printed except over the delivery, store rent, clerk hire, and so American League calls around to collect of a wedding present? be returned if unavailable, but stamps should be sent with the manuscript for have passed that the retail field of com- a rain check on him. mercial endeavor is attracting the direct All communications intended for this attention of the big trusts with a dew to their activity therein.

The great pro-trust argument is that through organization, conservation, simplification, and control it is possible for vast combinations in trade to handle products at minimum cost, and, hence, a series of readings made up of selecdeliver them to consumers ultimately at tions from the Congressional Record, a cheaper price. The big manufacturing says the Rochester Post-Express. Well, concerns—the meat packers, for instance as Adam inquired when first Eve dawned -eliminate to an approximate entirety the factor of waste. Everything is utilized to a profitable purpose. No labor is duplicated; all unnecessary labor is elimi- Smith is to come back to Baltimore," nated

If there is a waste of energy and capital incident to the retailing of beef, if indiscriminate retailing does result in a cost to the consumer far in excess of what it might be made through more compact and businesslike methodstrust methods, indeed-it may so fall out that the trusts will sit up and take rary. He is not a true Southern gentlenotice thereof. And if the trusts-the beef trust, for example-can, and will, reduce the surprising margin between present wholesale prices and present retail prices, why should not the consumer hall the trusts as blessings in disguise, despite his hostile opinions to the contrary previously entertained?

If ever the trusts are able to shift the responsibility-real or imaginary-for the high cost of living from their shoulders to the innocent and heretofore demure retailer's, why, then, the trust problem of the future is apt to assume a somewhat different complexion from coming to his defense. "It is my duty as that it has been wont to wear these many years. And, therefore, while neither affirming nor denying anything in general or particular, it is pertinent, nevertounding difference between the wholesale price of fresh beef and the retail

Military-Naval Retired List.

price, and why?

Naval personnel legislation is formally before Congress by virtue of a special message which has been sent in by President Taft backing up a project devised in way. the Navy Department by a special board. "I am aware from the tone of your letter, and The details of the plan have not been give to Mr. Ballinger the confidence and trust made known, and there appears to be no chance of serious discussion of the ques Mr. Ballinger injustice. I think you have allowed tion at this session of Congress, notwithtion and your impatience at legal obstacles and standing the assurance that the enactdifficulties to mislead you in this regard, and that ment of the departmental measure would Glavis himself has led you to regard as suspicious impose little or no additional cost for a number of things which, when weighed in the personnel maintenance. This desirable economy is to be effected by a new sysous charge as that of bad faith against officials tem of retirement, which shall have gradwho have heretofore shown themselves to be en- uated pay instead of the three-quarter rate now applied impartially to officers. No more magnificent tribute was ever By this means it will be possible to retire paid a subordinate official of the govern- more officers at less total expense for ment by a Chief Executive than this to their maintenance on the retired list. Per-Mr. Pinchot; "I should consider it one of haps the officers who are thus directly the greatest losses that my administration affected will interpose objection to such a measure. They may be counted on to entertain objections to it, certainly, if the plan is put into operation in the way which seems to be contemplated by the authors of the naval personnel bill. It conservation of national resources, and in the im- may be possible, however, to arrange the retirement so that, regardless of the graduated pay based on length of service, individuals will not be adversely affected. spose to do everything that I can to maintain them, If that is the case, there will be expense which Congress is likely to regard with Meyer advocates the largest or even the most powerdisapproval.

When it comes to considering elimination in the military-naval service as a means of helping promotion, the executive authorities are playing with fire. No one attempt at reform, once it takes up the law is the sole judge of the qualification of its those who do not have the opportunity question of retirement. There has been heroes for a place there. altogether too much favoritism in promotion before and after retirement in both | From the Buffalo Express. the army and navy. With a vast number of rear admirals and brigadier generals and major generals on the remoralizing and subversive of governmental disci- tired list, many of whom possess that that speakers were employed by the builders of sub- of the well-to-do people. Not long ago pline and efficiency. I want you to help me in rank by advancement without having marines to make speeches on the dangers of war. Rhis. I can enforce teamwork if I can keep public discharged the duties of the grade, there is a field for Congressional attack likely Not only did he want Mr. Pinchot to to be availed of by the critics. Congress remain at the head of the Forest Service, has done much for the military-naval perbut he earnestly asked for his help to sonnel in the last three or four years, preserve discipline and promote efficiency. and if there are "humps" existing or We all know what happened in the course threatened to block promotion, it may of a short time. The Chief Forester, disre- easily result in Congress shutting off the garding the President's friendly counsel, number of new appointees in order to redid allow himself to become involved in lieve the congestion at the bottom of the the Glavis controversy. More than that, list, instead of adding to the higher grades From tre New York Telegraph. ident the unwilling and reluctant duty of too much pay on the three-quarter basis, Congress may decide that the reduction The pending investigation, as it appears to 50 per cent of active pay will be profitto us, deals with opinion rather than fact. able legislation. Altogether, those who

> Chicago telephone companies have de- room. termined to employ no helio girls under a given size and weight. Perhaps, some to him. "Mr. Thomas," said he, "this Windy City men will be a trifle more article is well written-very well writcareful in the future how they indulge ten. I understand it perfectly. But I From Harper's Weekly.

twenty-three times. A Philadelphia repeater would consider that a horrible ing of unnecessary territory.

"The question whether clothes make the woman is again under discussion,' says the Philadelphia Press. And it will be settled in the affirmative, as usual-

Eftsoon the days will be at hand when we shall sing of daffodils and babbling says the Pittsburg Dispatch. That is brooks and shady nooks and lambkins of Lords guilty," said Rivers, "but they Does he work by fits and strats? just the point the Senator was emphasiz- on the greening hills. Oh, we shall war- gave 'em an indeterminate sentence."

ing. His profound sorrow for Mr. Rock- ble loud and long of sunshine and that efeller is based on the idea that the oil sort of thing. Because, tra la-also ha

> Mr. Roosevelt has no middle name, it appears. However, few people ever get real mad with the former President, so it does not matter.

> The American people seem somewhat

Mention of Mr. Frank Hitchcock as a wholesale brings all the way from 15 prospective Senator from Arizona does not appear to have run up the temperature of Statehood enthusiasm enough to

> Whatever Rostand may have stolen and go well." incorporated in "Chantecler," we feel safe in assuming that the beautiful ballad, "Fine Feathers Don't Make Fine attractive figure."

The first time the president of the forth and so on, then we need not be sur- that \$25,000 salary he should watch care- "A tlara set with perfectly matched pork electrical contrivance bussed." prised to find before many more days fully that the cashier does not palm off chops."

"'Jeff' Davis is selfish. He wants all

the Standard oil piped into h-," says poet laureate?" the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune. Mr. Davis' great specialty, of course, is add- ready poet laureate of a prosperous bean ber of Senators who witnessed the pering fuel to the flames. "A Boston elocutionist has introduced

upon his vision, "What do you know about that?" "The only remedy for F. Hopkinson

observes the Baltimore Sun. And that, admittedly, would be heroic treatment. The \$10 hog has arrived. The 10-cent hog still remains the common or gar-

den variety, however. "A Missouri man asked \$50,000 for three fingers," says a headline in a contempo man, no matter what else he may be.

There is no complaint from headquarters that tax returns are showing an upward tendency, however.

That proposed Indian statue in New York harbor will face the Statue of Liberty. Lucky for the Indian. Otherwise, Liberty might swat him one with her big bronze torch.

nation against or in favor of the House?

phia, some of those gorgeous Iccal militiamen appear to have made a sort of tin It is now said that Mr. Gordon deliv-

Speaking of strikes over in Philadel-

ered his famous farewell address to the Senate after he had, in fact, ceased to be a Senator. What a happy circumstance that this fact was not discovered until too late to head off the address!

Looking back over February's record. one is forced to the conclusion that it was quite as long as it deserved to be, any-

CHAT OF THE FORUM.

Not Guaranteed to Last.

From the Kansas City Star. The beef trust may find that an immunity bath, like any other bath, is not guaranteed to last.

A Title for Mr. Feary,

From the Birmingham Ledger. Instead of making Peary a rear admiral, why not make him command r-in-chief of the G. A. R.?

Straight to the Mark That was a bull's-eye shot the Baltimore Sun sent this way when it said: "The people of Philadelphia are getting exactly what they voted for.

Pinchot and the Administration. From the Louisville Courier-Journal. Grossly deceived by land pirates" is bad. But so easily deceived is worse. The administration gets

no bill of health from the former Chief Forester. Why the Fleet Is Needed.

From the Philadelphia Press. The United States, under the Monroe doctrine, has assumed the protection of two continents. It cannot do this without a fleet equal to its responsibilities.

Secretary Meyer's Navy,

From the New York Sun. The impression spread abroad that Secretary

ful navy in the world for the United States is mere Virginia the Sole Judge. From the Boston Transcript.

It is not the national government which is honor-

Cause of War Scares. Representative Tawney has the explanation of the war scares about right when he attributes them to The interesting part of this bathling

The Minority Leadership.

From the Hartford Courant. nority leadership a bed of thornless roses, and Champ Clark now knows how it is himself. The Tammany insurrectos who marched across into Uncle Joe's camp last year are still unsuppressed and unconciliated. Also he's accused of "inertia." They are saying that he let's slip good chances to score

off the Republican majority. Augustus Thomas, Reporter.

Then he called Augustus Thomas over earnest. am afraid that the majority of our readmeaning to each reader. plify.'

Sanctum Confidences. From the Chicago Tribune,

rattle of the typewriters. "Rivers." asked Brookes. "what do you understand to be the net result of the election in Great Britain?"

"I believe the voters found the House

Got up his dander, All the Persians fled afar

ANCIENT HISTORY. Alexander went to war, From Alexander. Hero of ten thousand tales

And as many ditties, Aleck gathered loot in bales fook Asia's cities. Alexander grabbed them all. That was the juncture When Damascus got a fall, Tyre got a puncture.

The Observant Manager. "I think a few bargain matinees might

"At what prices?" "Oh, forty-nine cents ought to make an

Of the First Water.

Making Money.

"I couldn't afford the honor. I am al-Early Birds. The aepyornis coos its love,

The pterodactyls sing:

And here we have a sample of A prehistoric spring. Tied to the Track.

"Then you think that motormen are nore cautious than chauffeurs?" "They have to be. They can't swerve f the pedestrian loses his head."

His Occupation,

"He had a good business but he lost it. "Did he drink?" "No; but he was too busy being a much laughter. prominent citizen to attend to anything

"I hear that Yorick Hamm has quit

Rialto Gossip.

society drama for vaudeville." "Yes, and he's having a hard time try- is ing to shape a bunch of epigrams into a City.

RULES ON BATHING.

Cold Plunge Sometimes More Foolhardy Than Beneficial. From the Baltimore Sur

An authority on bathing says that an with individual bath rooms; the new the body, followed by moderate friction, House offices are not. Is that discrimiis quite sufficient to keep the skin properly cleaned and stimulated. He says that people over middle age only need a warm bath at bedtime twice a week. which are worth reading and remembering because they are the final word of one who knows.

Plunging into a tub of cold water in winter is of questionable value, and can be done with safety only by the strongest person.

Warm baths taken during the day should be followed by the application of cold water otherwise any person, strong or weak, is continually made susceptible the Southern Cotton Association for three to exposure

The temperature of a bath can be States Senator. changed when one is in it without any ill

uld be taken just before or after meal

No one, however strong the constitution, should take a cold bath when hungry or fatigued.

means of allaying nervous irritation. A Turkish bath is not essential to the welfare of the skin. Sait water bathing is usually overdone and often followed by unsatisfactory results.

The different nutritive and medicinal baths are practically worthless, as the skin has very little, if any, absorbent power. The effect is only local and merely contributes to the pleasure of the

In a daily bath soap is unnecessary. It should only be applied carefully at the end of the day to those portions of the skin that have been exposed to the atmosphere. This daily use of soap removes the oily substances and renders

the skin too dry for health. The feet should be bathed twice a day without fail. This is to aid proper loco-

motion. Next to the feet, or rather equal with them, the inside of the mouth must be cleansed twice a day. The mouth itself should be rubbed with a soft brush or cloth with a little warm water and good soap. The upper part of the throat should

ing Robert E. Lee by putting his statue in the be gargled. may tell where Congress will end in its Capitol, but the State of Virginia, which under the These rules are quite comforting for of frequent and pleasurable baths, and those who are faddists on the subject of constant tubbing will not pay attention to any rules.

> the shipbuilding interests. During the submarine problem is that the health authorities investigation a few years ago, witnesses admitted are going against the constant tubbing one heard nothing but bathing urged on every side, and the cold tub was co sidered as essential to good health.

How to Be a Pessimist.

The Max Jones in New York American. essary to be of a very cheerful disposi- to the people at large, of all the govern- Treasury, of War, and an Attorney Gention. If of a doleful disposition, pessim- ment departments, its scope being wide eral. The office of Postmaster General ism would be such a pleasure that pres- and diversified. It has supervision of was established in 1794, that of Secretary ently one would cease to be pessimistic. Indian affairs; of the public lands, in- of the Navy was created in 1798, the De-The profession of pessimism is founded cluding mines; of pensions; of patents; partment of Agriculture was established on the theory that the best way to en- of the census, when directed by law; of in 1889, and Commerce and Labor was England," said the Frenchman, "and you Augustus Thomas was dilating on his joy anything is to pretend to dislike it, the Geological Survey; of education; of created February 14, 1903. life as a newspaper man the other day, and thus keep others out of it. To be a the custody and distribution of public. There is no natural order of prece He was exposed to his first experience pessimist practice this every sunny day: documents; of railroads which have re- dence among the chiefs of the great always warred against France, and vice as a journalist in St. Louis, and he en- Find a \$100 bill on the sidewalk. Go into ceived subsidies from the United States; executive departments of the government, tered upon his duties with considerable a good restaurant and order a well- of the Territories; of national parks and and prior to 1886 there was no legal disambition, and, above all, a high literary chosen meal. With it drink a pint of reservations; of the returns office, and crimination between them. But in that spirit. His first contribution was well champagne. When you have finished other miscellaneous business. The country will not follow, or care to have to do with military-naval personnel written, allusive, stylish, epigrammatic, your repast and are smoking a good follow, its tiresome details and confusing legislation may find it advantageous to but in a sense recondite. His editor, a cigar, appear very grouchy and say, with partment is divided are presided over by the event of the death or disability of France's alkindly and genial man, read the copy be- an air of sincerity, "This is a tough commissioners appointed by the Presi- both the President and Vice President, liance with England was dictated from fore he sent it up to the composing world." When you can do this properly dent by and with the advice of the Sen- was established by act of Congress in political necessities. It is not founded on you are ready to take up pessimism in ate, but the Secretary's office is the great the order in which they are named above. a natural feeling of love for one another,

A Star That Winks,

There is in the constellation Pegasus it becomes fainter and fainter; then commissioners. comes a change, and at the end of two There was a momentary pause in the ly, it can be seen only with a telescope; vet it ranks as a sun.

His Kind of a Genius,

From the Detroit Times. Burr-What kind of a genius is Nabbs?



Senator McEnery's autophone has again caused excitement, but this time it was outside of the Senate chamber.

Three years ago this same autophone, sternation in the Upper House of Conwas quite deaf. Just to be nice, Senator try his "hearing piece."

Senator Pettus fastened it on his vest and awaited developments. It worked corn was in the crib near by, but the like a charm. Then the Senator took it monkey man of law hadn't intelligence multi-millionaire, the preacher of the "What did Cholly give you in the way off and placed it in his desk. The trouble enough to feed them. The wires got mixed and the

No one could find the cause of the employes of the Capitol hunted the noise. "How would you like to be America's A page finally discovered the autophone officialdom. But even here the fetish of in Senator Pettus' desk.

Senator McEnery was one of the numformance of "A Gentleman from Mississippi." He had the indispensable subdued part of the play the bussing began. Senator McEnery looked on while the audience in his vicinity became amazed. People looked up in the gallery and craned their necks in every direc-

Senator Foster who sat beside his deaf colleague, got next to the cause, nudged Senator McEnery, and pointed to the autophone. By fixing some attachment, Senator McEnery stopped the buzzing. Once again during the performance the machine got unruly. The incident caused

in the Senate press gallery. The "count"

one of the youngest members of the Sen- hand carving on a block of wood, but his value has been found in other the makers. directions.

witnesses made the older and wiser Sena-Here are some more points of advice tors pay attention. Mr. Smith is a planter of cotton and cotton movements began in 1901 after the Sulley "break," when cotton dropped from 17 to 61/2 cents.

At that time he began the study of the cotton movement, attended holl-weevil conventions and became a national figure on account of his addresses throughou years, prior to his election as a United

. . . . When Politte Elvins made his run for Congress he adopted a unique and novel With the exception of a bath taken method of getting his name before the particular bench. upon rising and before dressing, no bath people. He sent out thousands of letters. I do not know whether this story is a should be taken just before or efter a on the back of which was a colored map of his district and a picture of himself. The body of the letter went like this: "Success in politics is largely a matter Warm baths should always be taken by I want you to spend a penny for me nervous persons and by anyone as a Then you'll be a stockholder in my boom for Congress. A penny isn't much to you, but it may mean a vote for me, and one vote may elect me." Inclosed in the letter was a souvenir post card, on which he wanted the recipient to put a 1-cent stamp and send to a friend couched in terms like "Jim, I wish you would vote for this young fellow," or "Bill, I want you to give this chap a lift for my sake. His method of canvass bore fruit and Politte was elected by 207 votes to represent the Thirteenth district of Missouri in the Sixty-first Congress.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. "And this," said the young man who you?" was showing his country relatives through the Museum of Art, "is a replica of the Venus de Milo." "Gosh!" said his Uncle Amasa,

was a good looker, all right. never married, was she?" "No. I don't believe she ever was." "I s'pose, bein' armless and not havin'

THE FETISH OF LEGALISM.

nanticipated Conditions in Departments Cause Clogging of Wheels.

Milo Hastings, in New York American. The last time the writer visited Washngton the poultryman in the Department banker of New York, who was seen at the of Agriculture was in distress. The funds New Willard last night. allotted for the purchase of chicken feed "Harmon, the stanch Democrat of Ohio, had been exhausted before the end of who has been tried and found not wantthe fiscal year and the hens were on short ing, who has the confidence of Democrats rations.

There was a daily income from eggs sold, but, according to the rules of the McEnery permitted Senator Pettus to must, at the end of the year, revert to sweep the country. the Treasury of the United States. In short, the hens were hungry and

The United States Department of Agriculture is one of the younger branches of the government, and, being young, mysterious noise. For more than a day is less clogged with the cobwebs of precedent than are many other groups of

legalism has already become a serious handicap upon efficiency. Should a farmer send to the Department of Agriculture for a bulletin entitled "The hog industry" he would receive "hearing piece" with him, and all went three envelopes containing three publicawell until the wires got crossed. At a tions, The Hog Industry-Part I, Part II, and Part III. Examination of the three bulletins shows that there is no break in subject matter. The first volume is

> the next volume. The explanation of this curiosity in bookmaking is that the law limits the size of this particular class of bulletin to 100 pages, and, as the manuscript on

was published in three volumes Until about two years ago all of "the popular series of agricultural pamphlets known as Farmers' Bulletins were illus-Mr. M. G. Seckendorf, at one time a trated with wood cuts. Some economical well-known newspaper correspondent in Congressman years ago thought it wise this city, in charge of the New York to prescribe wood cuts as the cheapest Tribune bureau, was a visitor yesterday form of illustration available. Thus for years after the rest of the world had s doing newspaper work in New York adopted the more beautiful and less expensive half-tone the farmer was treated with ancient appearing likenesses of Senator Smith, of South Carolina, is cows and chickens reproduced from a

ate, being only forty-four years old. Thus The absurdities of legalism arise almost far in his Senatorial career he has not entirely from laws of good intention apbeen heard at any length on the floor, plied under conditions not anticipated by

When wheat is going down from over-The new Senatorial offices are equipped application by the hand of cold water on in the harvest field the body, followed by moderate friction, and stock gambling that the young lawmaker demonstrated that he was well in- of the year's wage check. Under such and everything. His name is more menformed on at least one subject, cotton circumstances the farmers in the West-The pertinent questions he fired at the ern wheat belt work fifteen hours a day and seven days in the week. Yet the superintendent of a Federal experiment and merchant, but his intimate knowledge station cannot collect wages for his harvest hands if they work more than eight hours a day.

The following story is current in Washyears before when the bench was freshly been countermanded, a soldier was detailed each day to pace in front of that

fact or a fiction spring from the minds of those accustomed to analogous facts, but the principle involved is a serious reality with which the government

worker must contend. If the government is to continue to grow in its ability to do things we must have lawmakers and law executors who are schooled in the railroad, the farm or the forest-who know the science of the thing the law is about, not the science of interpreting words. The latter type of men we cannot spare for legislation-we need them for Eng-

lish teachers in the public schools.

Love's Labor Lost. From the Chicago Record-Herald. "I'm sorry," said the manager, when the advance agent had entered the private office, "but I'll have to discharge you." "What's the matter? You surely don't

think I've been loafing on my job. do "No. You've got the papers to print so many fine things about the star that she's

demanding a raise of salary."

Painless Extraction.

From the Kansas City Star. Wholesale chicken thieves in Wyandotte County use chloroform to prevent noise a husband to hook up her clo's, she in the henhouse. This is something ensimply had to dress that way, no matter tirely new in the line of painless extrac-

whether she liked it or not.'

Establishment of the Interior Department-March 3.

TO-DAY IN HISTORY.

nine executive departments of the gov- ments. ernment, was established on March 3, President Washington's first Cabinet would take some years before the people To be a successful pessimist it is nec- 1849. It is one of the most important, consisted of a Secretary of State, of the will really know the sentiments of the

> clearing house of the department, and formance of their executive duties.

Kurr-No. He works by fits-and stops. governments the word interior is not ap- navy in 1899.

the various commissioners are subject to On March 3 the United States declared the Secretary's directions in the per- war against Algeria in 1815; the Missouri compromise was passed in 1820; the gov-The first head of the department was ernment authorized the issuing of posters, not being classically educated, will a little variable star that may reason- Thomas O. Ewing, of Ohlo, and the pres- age stamps in 1847; the District of Co-In the recent English elections, one be unable to do so. Nor can the paper ably be said to wink. Two or three ent head is Richard A. Ballinger. The lumbia was organized in 1791; the treaty man traveled 1,147 miles in order to vote at present afford to send out with each times in the Cabinet, and of San Stefano, in the Russo-Turkish Unfortunately, however, there are jingoes copy a man who will demonstrate your this curious star can be seen to fade receives help in the administration of the war, was ratified in 1878; Florida was adand then to brighten like a signal light, department by the first and second as mitted as the twenty-seventh State in "Therefore, I must ask you to sim- For about / to and three-quarter hours sistant secretaries, as well as the various 1845; it is the birthday of Edmund Waller, the poet (1605); of Sir William Daven-In other countries the so-called depart- port, poet-laureate of England (1606); of and three-quarter hours more it is as ment of the interior varies greatly in its Thomas Otway, the poet (1651); of W. bright as at the beginning. Unfortunate- organization and in its scope, and many Macready, the tragedian (1793); Alexander of the duties that devolve upon it in the Graham Bell, the inventor of the tele United States are performed by other de- phone (1847): and the day on which partments. Thus in Belgium the super- George Herbert, the poet, died in 1633. From the Chicago Tribune. vision of railroads is the work of another On March 3 the Minnesota Territory was ministry, and in France and Italy the created (1849); the Idaho Territory was premier is minister of the interior as well formed from Washington (1868), and theater this evening? as president of the council, while in many George Dewey was made admiral of the

AT THE HOTELS.

"Harmon and Gordon would make \$ ticket which would be hard to beat," said Fred S. Waller, a real estate broker and

and Republicans alike, who is trusted by the rich and poor allke, who is not looked department, such money could not be upon with suspicion by either the capior one like it, was the cause of con- used to buy chicken feed. Likewise there talist or the worker, who can concentrate were unused funds in related branches and harmonize the various factions in the gress. Like Mr. McEnery, Senator Pet- of the bureau, but this money was also Democratic party, would be the best setus, who was in the Senate at that time, unavailable for chicken feed, as all funds lection which the Democrats could make not used for the purpose appropriated for the head of the ticket. He would

"Gordon, the gentle, the reconciliator of the North and South, the dismantled elimination of sectional lines and advocate of one country, the friend of the abused wealthy, and the stand-by of the needy and poor, the Democrat and Confederate from the South who is willing to take off his hat and cheer for Grant, would more probably help to swing some doubtful Northern States into the Democratic column. He would make the best second on the Democratic Presidential ticket,

"Harmon and Gordon," said Mr. Waller; "harmony and conciliation would be hard to beat.

"The Republican party, through Senator Aldrich, has acknowledged itself to be a party of extravagance. Senator Aldrich said he could save \$300,000,000 a year to bound up to page 100, and page 101 is in the country if his method of managing the administration were adopted. this an admission or confession of extravagance? The Democrats will not have to prove extravagance now; all they have to do is to show Senator Aldrich's speech, the long industry required 298 pages, it It is the best Democratic campaign document which could be obtained.

"The admission of Aldrich that the Republican party is a party of extravagance puts President Taft on the defensive. If Aldrich's views are adopted, the confession is complete and Taft would not make the strongest candidate by any means whom the Republicans could nominate. Who would? Roosevelt. He is the only man who would have a chance of winning against the Harmon and Gordon ticket, and it will be Roosevelt, unless I am very much mistaken.'

John A. Burnett, a business man of New York, who was seen at the Raleigh last night, said that Roosevelt would be the next President of the United States

"Roosevelt to-day is the biggest man in tioned than that of any other American citizen. He is the one man who accomplished things while in the White House; he did not merely talk. I only hope he will consent to return to his New York home by way of San Francisco. The people of the United States ought to ngton: A visitor at the Capitol grounds have a chance to demonstrate their bserved a soldier pacing up and down esteem for him, and this can only be in front of a park bench. Being of a done in a proper manner by his return urious mind concerning the ways of via Frisco. If nominated for the Presiate the visitor started an inquiry. The dency, and if he accepts the nomination, investigation disclosed the fact that the there is no power or combination of guard had been stationed a number of powers that could prevent his election. He is a man of the people and he has the painted, and, as the order had never people's confidence. No matter what the Republican machine would dictate; if it were contrary to the wish of the people, the machine would be smashed and de-

molished into bits. "I am know the sentiment down there with regard to Roosevelt. If he is nominated I would not be surprised if he carried

Virginia and other Southern States. "Mayor Gaynor is a winner," added Mr. Burnett. "He is saving the taxpayers of New York hundreds of thousands of dollars, and is bringing about a wholesome reform in every department of the city government. Tammany Hall is the biggest sufferer, and I would not be at all surprised if Mayor Gaynor put an end to the political power of that organization."

"I am really glad to read that Rockefeller and other wealthy Americans are giving away money for the purpose of cultivating and fostering art." said Herr Alfred Walter von Heymel, of Munich, who was seen at the Shoreham, last night. Herr von Heymel is an art enthusiast, and is actively engaged in the manufacture of art objects in various

lines "Art is the indicator of a nation's civilization and wealth, and it behooves the great and progressive and wealthy United States to cultivate the muse more and with greater attention than has been done heretofore. The United, States has passed that stage when it cannot find time for the development of art. It is beyond that period of its existence when everything and every day has to be given over to the pursuit of the dollar, neglecting altogether the promotion of the ideal, the en-

nobling, the beautiful." "The fact that Congress is appropriating millions of dollars every year for monuments, statues, and beautiful public buildings in Washington and elsewhere is an indication that the art spirit in America is growing."

Francois Pergier, of Nantes, France, is at the New Willard, and is visiting this The Interior Department, one of the plied to any of the executive depart- country on business. M. Pergier said France is in an unsettled state, that it whole nation on the question of separation of state and church and other mat-

ters of equal importance. "France has never been a friend of cannot make a genuine friend overnight out of a genuine enemy. England has versa. The doctrine that Albion is perfidious is in our blood, and the great majority of the French people to-day do not year the succession of the members of place more reliance in England than they Most of the bureaus into which the de- the Cabinet to the Presidential office, in did when that country was regarded as

because there is none. "France's natural ally is Germany, and I am not afraid to say so. We are neighbors, and are good customers to each other. If both of us would make up and forget the past and combine forces we could defy the world and dictate peace. in France as well as in Germany who would raise their voice in solemn protest against an alliance between France and Germany. There may not exist a political alliance, but there is certainly the best of feeling between the business interests of both countries."

One on Mamms,

"Gwendolen, I suppose some worthlas young dude is going to take you to the "Yes, mamma, I'm going with brother

George to-night."